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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND: By DREW PEARSON

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 4-President Kennedy, who has a contagious sense of humor, tells this story on his Secretary of Labor.

Recently, when Secretary
Arthur Goldberg went mountain
climbing, he was gone for some
time and the people at the jun
at the base of the mountain became worried and summoned
help from the Red Cross. The Red Cross flew around mountain in a helicopter, calling. from a loudspeaker:

"Arthur Goldberg, this is the Red Cross. Arthur Goldberg, this is the Red Cross,"

For a long time there was no answer, Finally a faint voice replied from down below:

"This is Goldberg. I gave through the office this year."

Snub to a Lady

Jockeying for committee posi-tion in the J.S. Senate may not mean much to the outsider. But insiders know it can affect U.S. policy and laws which the policy and laws which the American people have to live under.

During five Congresses the late Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire rose to his feet at the opening session to announce that he wished to step aside as ranking member of the Sen-ate Armed Services Committee in favor of his Republican colleague from Massachusetts, Leverett Saltonstall.

Inside fact was Saltonstall had pestered and badgered Bridges with the argument that since Bridges was ranking Resince Bridges was ranking He-publican on both Appropriations and Armed Services, he should relinquish one of these posts to his colleague from Massa-chusetts, Bridges and so. Now the shoe is on the other foot and the tall blueblood from Boston, Lev Siglionstall, is the ton Republican on the same:

top Republican on the same: ations and Armed Services. But so far he has not been as gal-iant as he asked the late Sen-ator Bridges to be.

Sen Margaret Chase Smith of
Maine, also Republican is hum-ber two on the Armond Counters.

ber two on the Armed Services Committee. Senator Saltonstall prides himself on being a court-ly man. But he has not done for Mrs. Smith what he asked Bridges to do for him.

Ten years ago, Senator Smith was a member of the McCarthy Investigating committee. Being a lady of both courage and prin-viple, she didn't like McCarthy's factics and said so.

McCarthy promptly bounced

Mrs. Smith off his investigating

committee. Last week, Senator Smith again showed courage. She challenged John McCone as unqualified to be head of Central Intelligence to be bettern the transfer of the courage of th hitherto has reported, intermit-tently and not very satisfactoriby to a subcommittee of Armed Services on which the top two ranking Republicans are mem-

Mrs. Smith, whether Saltonstall bows or not, is among the top two Republicans. But it's reported in Senate cloakrooms that she will now be penalized for her opposition and denied a position on the subcommittee, which is supposed to check on CIA.

Mows Capsules

The Justice Department is about to crack down hard on a prominent New Yorker for income tax fraud. In figuring his tax return, he added up travel and entertainment expenses to \$7,000. For good measure, he put a "one" in front of the seven"—making it \$17,000 for travel and entertainment. Internal Revenue Service says this case will be prosecuted not only as a flagrant violation of the law, but as a warning to other taxpayers against abuses of entertainment and business expense allowances. (Copyright, 1982, by the Bell Syndicate)